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Title: Need to grant necessary approval to Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala for construction of railway over-bridges in Kerala- Laid.

PROF.A.K. PREMAJAM (BADAGARA) : The Railway has entrusted the construction of 20 Railway Over Bridges (ROBs) in the State of Kerala to Roads and Bridges Development Corporation of Kerala (RBDCK). The Southern Railway has expressed satisfaction about the good progress achieved by RBDCK on ROBs already entrusted with them. The General Manager, Southern Railway has recommended vide letter No. W35311/RBDCJ/GEN/C dated 10.10.2002, the transfer of 20 more ROBs to RBDCK. In the meeting held in the office of the Hon. Minister of Railways on 20.12.2002, at Delhi, Member (Engg) had agreed to issue necessary orders.

However, the Railway Board has not taken any decision so far in the matter and this has considerably slowed the progress of remaining ROB work in the State. After August, 2001, RBDCK has not been able to tender any ROB, for want of approval from the Railway Board, though there is necessary Budgetary allocation. Under these circumstances, I urge upon the Hon. Minister for Railways to take necessary steps to give approval at the earliest.